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Identical letters dated 21 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to you the statement issued by the General Command of the Army and Armed Forces of the Syrian Arab Republic on 20 October 2016.

> On 19 October 2016, the Erdoğan regime massacred more than 150 innocent civilians when Turkish warplanes attacked the following villages and towns in the northern countryside of Aleppo: Hassajik, Wardiyah, Hisyah, Ghul Suruj, Sadd al-Shahba', Ahras and Umm Hawsh.
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> The General Command of the Army and Armed Forces stresses that this blatant aggression against innocent civilians is a grave development that further complicates the situation. It warns that any other attempt by Turkish warplanes to violate Syrian airspace will be met with a response and the warplanes brought down by all available means.
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> It also warns that these irresponsible actions will have serious consequences for regional security and stability, and will contribute to the spread of terrorism.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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